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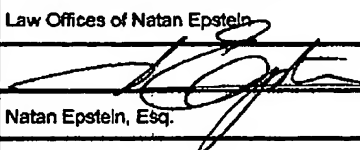
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	First Named Inventor	John E. Bennett	
	Art Unit	3616	
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/892,830
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First Named Inventor	John E. Bennett
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
34 - 20 or HP =	7	25	175

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

<b>Indep. Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
4 - 3 or HP =	1	100	100

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In re Application of John E. Bennett

Serial No. 10/692,830

Filed: October 23, 2003

Title: RECLINING BACK WITH ANTI-TIP PROTECTION FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Examiner: George D. Spisich

Group Art Unit: 3616

**AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 03/09/2005**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the claims as indicated as indicated in the accompanying marked-up listing of the amended claims.

**REMARKS****Claim Objections**

The objection to claim 24 has been mooted by amendment of the claim to depend from independent claim 19, as suggested by the Examiner.

**The Rejections Under 35 USC 112**

Each of the rejections under 35 USC § 112 has been overcome by amendment of claims 2 and 15, and of Claim 1 which has been amended to recite plural legs so as to provide sufficient antecedent basis for rejected claims 3, 4, 5, 9, 13, 14 and 15.

**The Rejections Under 35 USC § 102**

I) Claims 1-3, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Kiel.

Responsive to the rejection independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite detent